

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-36, 42, 43 and 45-50 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15 and 20 are amended.

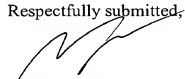
Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 1, 4-11, 13-19, 21-36, 42, 43 and 45-50 and the indication of allowable subject matters in claims 3, 12 and 20.

Claims 3, 12 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. By this Amendment, claim 3 has been clarified and is supported by paragraphs [0307] - [0312], for example, claim 12 has been amended to recite that the predetermined value is another predetermined value and to further clarify claim 20. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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